

REMARKS

A review of the claims indicates that:

A) Claims 5—11, 13, 14, 16—21, 24—26, 28, 30, 31, 34—36, 38—40, 42 and 43 remain in their original form.

B) Claims 1, 4, 12, 22, 23, 29, 33 and 37 are currently amended.

C) Claims 2, 3, 15, 27, 32, 41 and 44 are currently cancelled.

D) Claim 45 is new.

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims and withdrawal of the rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

Purely to expedite prosecution and reduce associated costs, and not as an opinion of the allowability of any claim, the Applicant has elected to put the application into condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 1 has been amended to recite the elements of Claim 2, which was found to be allowable, and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 12 has been amended to recite the elements of Claim 15, which was found to be allowable, and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 23 has been amended to recite the elements of Claim 27, which was found to be allowable, and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 29 has been amended to recite the elements of Claim 32, which was found to be allowable, and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 33 has been amended to recite the elements of Claim 41, which was found to be allowable, and is therefore in condition for allowance.

Independent Claim 44 was cancelled to expedite prosecution.

1 New Claim 45 recites the elements of original Claim 12 and Claim 16,
2 which was found to be allowable, and is therefore in condition for allowance.

3 **Conclusion**

4 The Applicant submits that the claims as presented are in condition for
5 allowance. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of
6 Allowability be issued. If the Patent Office's next anticipated action is not the
7 issuance of a Notice of Allowability, the Applicant respectfully requests that the
8 undersigned attorney be contacted to schedule an interview.

9 Respectfully Submitted,

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